

Thursday, November 13, 2003

Adoption Day

is Nov. 25

On Nov. 25, the Michigan courts will celebrate National Adoption Day by finalizing the adoptions of several children. The purpose of National Adoption Day is educating the public about the process of adoption and to encourage people to consider adopting.

Locally, the Kalamazoo County Probate Court, 150 E. Crosstown Parkway, will be open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kalamazoo Family Independence Agency personnel along with several private agencies, including Lutheran Adoption Agency, Bethany Christian Services, Family and Children Services, Catholic Social Services and Family Adoption Consultants will be available to answer questions and provide information. There will be a panel discussion consisting of adoptive parents, adoptees, a local judge and court staff to answer questions. The public is also invited to attend adoption confirmation hearings.

National Adoption Day is sponsored by the Alliance for Children's Rights, Casey Family Services, Children's Action Network, Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, and Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, Freddie Mac Corporation and Target Corporation.

I invite the public to take this unique opportunity to come and learn more about adoption. It is a life passage to surpass none for many children.

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